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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7282

BILL NUMBER: SB 444

DATE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Geological Services by Public Employees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires officers and employees of state and local government to be licensed as professional geologists before providing certain geological services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This proposal could increase expenditures to the state to the extent that requiring additional qualifications for officers and employees may increase personnel costs. The specific impact is indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues: The proposal may result in an increase in the number of applications for licensure as a professional geologist. The Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists is the Indiana agency responsible for the licensing and discipline of professional geologists. Administrative functions of the Board are performed by staff at the Indiana Geological Survey at Indiana University. Fees associated with licensure are outlined below.

Application fee	\$70
Exam fee	
Fundamentals	\$150
Practice	\$150
Renewal fee (3 years)	\$90
Late-Renewal fee	\$30
Certificate reprint	\$30

About 1,235 individuals are currently licensed as professional geologists in Indiana. The licenses expire every three years. During initial licensure years, the Board collects about \$40,000. During interim years, the Board collects about \$6,000. Fees collected are deposited into a fund used by the Indiana Geological Survey to administer the licensure program.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This proposal could increase expenditures to local units to the extent that requiring additional qualifications for officers and employees may increase personnel costs. The specific impact is indeterminable.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State agencies that employ staff that provide certain geological services.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government that employ staff that provide certain geological services.

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